



# CHIMES

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*Connecting with God,*

*Connecting with Others,*

*Changing our World with Christ's Love*

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Dear Central Family,

What would you say is the “culture” of Central United Methodist Church? This is not an easy question, as we are a larger congregation (described as mid-sized) and we are diverse in many ways. While we can agree on many things, there is general agreement on some essential beliefs and there is a great deal that many have never thought of before. One important element of our faith that we do not spend enough time on is our calling.

It is the cherished belief of United Methodists that “all members of Christ’s universal church are called to share in the ministry which is committed to the whole church of Jesus Christ.” (Paragraph 220, *Book of Discipline of the UMC*) That means that each of us is called by God to fulfill a purpose in this world. I believe that it is the task of each human being to discover God’s call upon his or her life.

As I have mentioned before, we are part of an effort—along with 23 other churches in the United States—to intentionally explore what it means to create a culture in which it is a natural part of our faith community to seek and to encourage others to seek God’s call upon our lives. While we have already begun work on this process, the “launching program” of this Creating a Culture of Calling process is a series of messages based on Dr. Kathleen Cahalan’s book, *The Stories We Live: Finding God’s Calling All Around Us*. Dr. Cahalan’s book will be available to our church family as a gift with which to begin the journey.

Come be a part of this effort to affect change in the culture of our congregation. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*

## Service Times Will Be Changing

Effective Sunday, December 2nd

We will be going to a two-service format.

9:15am - The Conversation

10:30am - Sanctuary Worship

The annual church conference will be on Sunday, Nov. 4th at 1pm. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 8:30 am - Chapel Worship
- 10:00 am - The Conversation
- 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship

## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

November 4th

Rose Memorial Sunday. Pastor Jack begins his C3 sermon series.



Nov. 4th, 10:30am - Rose Memorial Sunday

Nov. 4th, 12:15pm - SPRC Meeting

Nov. 4th, 1pm - Church Conference

Nov. 6th - Election Day

Nov. 11th - Founder’s Day

Nov. 12th - Veterans Day

Nov. 12th, 9:30am - Moms Connect

Nov. 12th, 6:30pm - Finance Mtg.

Nov. 12th, 7:30pm - Church Council Mtg.

Nov. 15th, Noon - Harvesters Thanksgiving

Nov. 22nd - Thanksgiving Day; Church Office Closed

Nov. 23rd, 12 - 6pm - Blood Drive

Nov 24th, 9am - Hanging of the Greens

Nov. 26th, 7pm - SPRC Mtg.

Nov. 27th, 7pm - Trustees Mtg.

Nov. 29th, 6:30pm - Advent Study “Gift of the Nutcracker” Begins

## CONNECT WITH CENTRAL

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The deadline for the Sunday, November 18th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, November 7th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to [rdanek@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:rdanek@waterfordcumc.org).

# The Life of the Church

## A Forum on the 2019 Special General Conference of the UMC Friday, Nov. 9th @ 7pm

In preparation for the upcoming 2019 Special Session of The United Methodist Church General Conference, Birmingham First UMC will be hosting a Michigan Area-wide informational forum "The Church and Human Sexuality—Finding a Way Forward."

The forum is intended to give United Methodists in Michigan an opportunity to engage in a discussion of the issues, challenges and possible outcomes from this 2019 special session of the General Conference (GC) that could profoundly impact the practices and unity of the United Methodist Church.

**If you would like to attend this forum with other members of Central, we will be meeting for dinner and fellowship at 5pm at Kerby's Koney Island at Woodward and Square Lake (43061 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302).**

### About the Forum

Members of the presenting panel include the Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Greater Detroit District Superintendent, and several delegates to the special Session of the General Conference. Panel presentations will include:

**What makes this General Conference so special?** by Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue. A brief review of the UMC's history with "The Church and Human Sexuality," including: What happened at the 2016 GC that led to this special 2019 GC? Who are the 2019 delegates? What is the Commission on a Way Forward, who do they report to, and what have they recommended?

**How do GC delegates from all over the world reach conclusions?** by GC Delegates. What are the delegate voting rules? Who decides what is brought to

the delegates for a vote? Will decisions made by the GC delegates be final and binding on the entire worldwide UMC? What will the Council of Bishops recommend as the preferred "Way Forward" plan? Will other groups offer reports/proposals/recommendations to the GC? If so, who are they and what will they be offering as their recommended "way forward?"

**Outcomes and Impacts: What could the "Way Forward" look like?** by the GC Delegates. Can we find common ground on the issue of human sexuality and if so, what might it look like? Could the authority be granted to conferences, districts/local churches to determine their own "way forward?" Is the BOD subject to editing? Will all outcomes be consistent with maintaining the UMC as a worldwide connectional ministry or is schism a real possibility?

There will be a Q&A session after each panel so that attendees can engage with panel members. The meeting will end with refreshments and fellowship.

The UMC Special General Conference will be February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, MO.

Birmingham First UMC is located at:

1589 W Maple Rd.  
Birmingham, MI 48009



## Baldwin Center Holiday Store

Once again Central will be supporting the Baldwin Center Holiday Store with a collection of new items. **Donations are due by Sunday, December 9th** and can be placed in the collection box in the Chapel hallway.

For a list of items needed, please visit our website at:

**News=>Baldwin Center Holiday Store.**

## Thank You for Your Support of CROP Walk

This year's CROP walk included 37 walkers from Central who raised over \$2500. Great job everyone who walked or donated!



The November movie is "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World"

## Have You Ever Felt Called by God?



Sermon Series Begins This Sunday (Nov.4th)

## Take Us Shopping!

Central has reusable grocery bags available for \$3 each or two for \$5. Purchase them from the Scrip table on Sunday mornings or Thursday evenings.





**Youth Group Movie Night!**  
**Sunday, November 11th**  
**@ 4:30pm**

4 - 12th grade students are invited to attend our night at the movies to see "The Grinch"! Youth will meet at Waterford MJR at 4:30 to see the 4:45 showing of "The Grinch." Afterward, we will grab dinner at Culvers (next door to the theater). Youth should be picked up at 7:30pm. Bring money for dinner. If you would like to help chaperon this fun trip, let Rev. Cora know. (This will be in place of confirmation and youth group.)

**Stewardship 2019 -**  
**Earn. Save. Give**

Thank you to everyone who brought pledge cards on Sunday. If you haven't pledged yet, please prayerfully consider regular giving to support Central's ministry and missions. Pledge cards can still be sent in or dropped off at the office. Thank you.

**Opportunities to**  
**Serve & Grow**

**Make a Stewardship**  
**Pledge**

Support Central's mission to "Connect with God, Connect with Others and Change the World with Christ's Love" with a monetary pledge for the 2019 fiscal year.

**Love our youth? Cook**  
**Them Good Food.**

Rev. Cora is seeking families or church groups to host our youth group dinners in December. Youth Group meal is at 5:45 Sunday nights and serves about 12-18 young people each week. These meals fuel us for discussions about faith and times of fellowship.

Contact Rev. Cora to sign yourself, your family, or your group up for a meal on Dec. 2nd, 9th, or 16th.



**Join Us for Our**  
**Thursday Night**  
**Advent Study**

**Begins**  
**Nov. 29th**

The Thursday Night Book Group will be studying *The Gift of the Nutcracker* by Matt Rawle. This four-week study will explore the characters from *The Nutcracker* and apply them to our familiar Christmas narrative! Join us Thursdays at 6:30 in the Parlor! Contact Rev. Cora for childcare. Books will be available in the office for \$10.



**New Member Classes**

**Sunday, Nov. 4th @ 3:30pm**  
**Monday, Nov. 5th @ 7pm**

Join us for one of these informative sessions. New members will be received into the congregation on Nov. 18th.



**Harvesters Turkey Dinner**

**November 15th,**  
**12pm in the Parlor**

**Cost: \$13 per person**

Please sign up outside the office by November 11th.



**Thank You**

We are so grateful for the prayers, grace, support and cards you offered during my mom's brief illness and since her passing Your thoughts meant a lot to us during these difficult days. Thank you.

-Bob Stephenson and family



**Veterans Day**

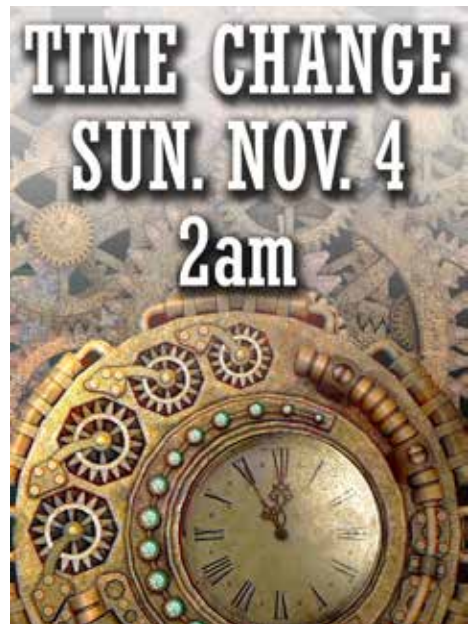
**Sunday, November 11th**

Thank you to all of our veterans!

**Holiday Blood Drive**

**Friday, November 23rd,**  
**Noon - 6pm**

This Black Friday, give blood to someone besides retailers! To donate or volunteer please sign up on the sheet located in the Chapel hallway.



**Youth Fund Raiser**

Thank you to everyone who dined at The Bronx Deli for our fund raiser. There were 41 transactions that raised \$237.14. Keep an eye out for additional chances to eat out and raise money for programming at Central!





# Trunk or Treat '18 a Great Success!



**690 Hot Dogs**  
**463 Bags of Popcorn**  
**47+ Volunteers**  
**26 Decorated Vehicles**  
**7 Giant Inflatables**  
**1 Spooky Sanctuary**  
— AND —  
**567 Guests!**



We're on our way to another great year for the Clothe-a-Child program! Last year, your generosity helped provide clothing for 390 children in the Waterford school district. We are asking our congregation to once again keep this amazing program in mind as you plan your Christmas budgets and holiday charitable giving. Checks can be made out to Central United Methodist Church (please write "Clothe-a-Child" on the memo line) and dropped off in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Cora or any of the C-A-C team members.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Trunk or Treat, with special thanks to:

- Jannette Deszell for her master planning and creativity.
- Rev. Cora and the youth for a spectacular haunted tunnel.
- George & Linda Pearson for the giant inflatables.



**We are still accepting monetary donations to offset the cost of Trunk or Treat! Thank You!**